Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Hunger Action is Feeding America's nationwide awareness driver and is designed to mobilize the public to take action on the issue of hunger; and,

Whereas, The 2017 Hunger Action Month campaign asks people to consider the universal feeling of an empty stomach, and how on an empty stomach, we cannot reach our full potential; and,

Whereas, The icons of an empty plate and an uncharged battery will function as visual representations of what empty stomachs lead to as hunger; and,

Whereas, Feeding South Dakota is the state's largest charitable hunger relief organization that distributes food from their distribution centers in Sioux Falls, Pierre, and Rapid City through its network of over 400 charitable organizations across the state; and,

Whereas, In Fiscal Year 2017, Feeding South Dakota secured and distributed over 13.6 million pounds of quality nutritious donated and purchased food providing 11.3 million meals to more than 190,000 individuals in need; and,

Whereas, Feeding South Dakota operates the Food Pantries in Sioux Falls and Rapid City, a Mobile Food Pantry serving the highest food insecurity portions of Central South Dakota, BackPack Programs in Sioux Falls and Rapid City along with several of their surrounding communities, School Food Pantries at Lincoln Elementary in Yankton and Axtell Park in Sioux Falls, helps administer the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, most commonly known as the Senior Box Program, for the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, This annual month-long campaign brings attention to the reality of food insecurity in the United States and promotes ways for individuals across the United States to get involved in the movement to help end hunger:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2017, as

HUNGER ACTION DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State